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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

Applicant's representative thanks Examiner George for the indications of allowable (claims 5-9) and allowed (claims 16-22) matter.

SUPPORT FOR THE CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Dependent apparatus claims 3, 4, 10, 12, 13 and 15 have been amended to depend from allowable independent claim 5. The preamble of claim 5 has been amended per the Examiner's suggestion. Thus, no new matter has been added and no new issues are believed to be raised.

CLAIM OBJECTION

The objection to claims 5-9 for informalities has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn. Claim 5 is intended to be an independent claim.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claims 1, 4, 10, 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Condon et al. '806 (hereafter Condon) has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

Claims 4, 10, 12 and 13 now depend from allowable independent claim 5 and thus contain all of the limitations of claim 5. Claim 1 has been cancelled. As such, claims 4, 10, 12 and 13 are fully patentable over the cited reference and the rejection should be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Condon in view of Kawasaki '069 has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Condon in view of Tappan '421 has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

Claims 3 and 15 now depend from allowable independent claim 5 and thus contain all of the limitations of claim 5. As such, claims 3 and 15 are fully patentable over the cited references and the rejections should be withdrawn.

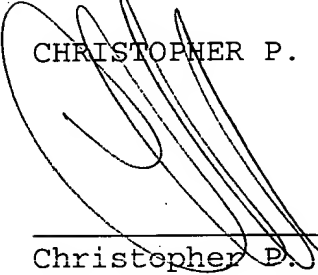
Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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